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SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE SATELLITE PROGRAM WITH UNIVERSITY  
OF SOUTHAMPTON

REF: STATE 48308

1. EMBASSY, AS REQUESTED REFTEL, CONTACTED UK SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL (DR. HUTCHINSON, TEL: 242-1262, X134) AND DR. DAVID RAMSDEN, DEPT. OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF SOTUHAMPTON, TEL: (0703)559122, X2108, REGARDING TRANS-ATLANTIC BALLOON FLIGHT PROJECT AND EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) REQUIRED BY NOAA.

2. DR. RAMSDEN SAID THAT PROJECT WAS IN FORMATIVE STAGES AND THAT HE HAD NOT YET PASSED IT THROUGH UK SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL, BUT THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN TRANSATLANTIC BALLOON PROJECTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY TO EXECUTE AN MOA WITH NOAA SINCE IT WOULD HAVE CONTROL OF THE BALLOON SYSTEM. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM HIS ITALIAN COLLEAGUES THAT THE FINANCING THAT THEY HAD HOPED TO RECEIVE FOR THE PROJECT SO THAT IT COULD BEGIN IN JUNE 1977 WAS NOT FORTHCOMING FOR THIS YEAR SO THAT THEY WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO UNDER-  
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TAKE THE PROJECT IN JUNE 1978. THE UK SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL ALSO HAD VERY LIMITED FUNDS THIS YEAR AND SO COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT THIS RESEARCH (BOTH UK AND ITALY ARE IN THE MIDST OF SERIOUS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES).

3. DR. HUTCHINSON OF THE SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL CON-

FIRMED THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE BODY TO CONCLUDE THE MOA WITH NOAA ONCE A PROJECT HAD BEEN MOUNTED AND APPROVED. HE SAID THAT THE COUNCIL, CONTRARY TO REFTEL'S STATEMENT, HAD NOT APPROVED DR. RAMSDEN'S PROJECT AS YET AND UNDERSTOOD HIS CONTACT WITH NOAA TO HAVE BEEN IN THE NATURE OF AN INQUIRY RATHER THAN AN APPLICATION. HOWEVER, THE UNIVASITY OF SOUTHAMPTON HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN TRANSATLANTIC BALLOON WORK AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED "TO ACT AS THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FOR A TRANSATLANTIC BALLOON PROGRAM."

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